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FILED: March 17, 1999

EXAMINER: LEWIS A. BULLOCK, JR.

ART UNIT: 2151

For: EXTENSIBLE SOFTWARE-BASED ARCHITECTURE FOR COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION WITHIN AND BETWEEN COMMUNITIES OF DISTRIBUTED AGENTS AND DISTRIBUTED OBJECTS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 11, 2003, the shortened statutory period for which runs until June 11, 2003. On June 5, 2003, a telephonic interview with the Examiner was conducted. As a result of the interview, the Examiner acknowledged the differences between the cited art and the amended claims. The amendments to the claims were for purposes of improving the clarity of the claims.